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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Carson on 12/10/04.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

#### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 17 and 18 have been canceled.

### **Reasons for Allowance**

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: a method and apparatus for processing spread spectrum signals are disclosed. The closest prior art, martin et al, US Patent No. 5,724,046, discloses similar method and apparatus. However, Martin et al does not teach or fairly suggest the limitations recited in claim 8, lines 9-19 and claim 16, lines 9-19, respectively. Such limitations, as recited in the base claims, are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Martin et al.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean B Corrielus whose telephone number is 571-272-3020. The examiner can normally be reached on Maxi-Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-3086. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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